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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: DIVIDED ONE-DIMENSIONAL SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE, METHOD OF
CONTROLLING ONE-DIMENSIONAL SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE, AND
IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, please delete 3rd paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

A. On the other hand, in Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-69252, the
assignee of the present invention has proposed an image reading apparatus that is provided with
an electric charge discharge drain and an electric charge discharge gate to discharge extra electric
charges and change the number of pixels to be read as necessity requires so as to eliminate the
need for reading out all the pixels to thereby improve the reading efficiency.